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Thesis Statement: The ease ~~with which~~ it takes to become a social hermit is beyond mere words.

## HOW TO BE A HERMIT:

[on: with which one can become ...]

The ease ~~with which~~ it takes to become a social hermit is beyond mere words. Using the most simple methods and techniques, one can rise from a mere campus socialite to an obscure IBM number. The joy one can receive in going through a crowd unnoticed, or in being the first student in the school's history to go uninvited to his or her own graduation is <sup>SP</sup>unsurmountable. If one seeks to go about unrecognized after a long life of stardom and of the silver/screen, or just wants to improve his or her ability to go about unnoticed, these two simple steps can be of great help.

The most important ingredient in becoming a social hermit is the desire: the desire to be left alone. This desire is the catalyst, the energy force, that will send one far down the road of obscurity. It is therefore essential that this feeling be <sup>SP</sup>borne in the individual.. Once one has assaulted this peak the other step is a mere valley.

(In one short & 3 different metaphors for one idea are too many!)

Step number two may be completed in one of two ways. The easiest of the two is for the individual to join a "cause" that is socially unacceptable. Imaginee the results one would get if his friends suddenly found out that he has become a <sup>SP</sup>vegetarian, or a "Right-to-Life" member, or worst yet a "Jesus Freak." Imagine, no more <sup>SP</sup>hassels from one's buddies for a smoke, or a beer, or any of the other social obligations one is often called upon to perform. What joy! What ecstasy! What tranquility!



If one is using the method mentioned above, his results can be increased by doing the following: first, let friends and former friends know why one has chosen this lifestyle; second, try and persuade those friends to make a <sup>similar</sup> decision of ~~similar~~ manner. If one uses these principles he will send people running at his very presence, interruptions while studying and visiting others into the early hours of the morning will become a thing of the past. (Caution: while it has been noted that the above mentioned method is highly successful in causing obscurity, it must be added that a strange phenomenon often <sup>SP</sup>occures between hermits of similar philosophies. They <sup>SP</sup>develope the habit of calling one another "brother" or "sister" or "Fellowwitness." They actually converse with one another! Such hermits should be avoided at all cost).

The second way of completing step number two (for step number 2-a refer to paragraph number 3) is much more involved but promises interesting results. This method entails the <sup>SP</sup>develope-ment of one's lack of memory, that is to <sup>SP</sup>develope a lack of memory. This method is most useful in dialogue. Below is an example of such a dialogue. The two men are old highschool buddies that have not seen one another for some time (the latter speaker is working toward being a professional hermit).

"Tom! How are you doing?!"

"Ah...?"

"Tom, don't you remember me?"

"Ah...?"

"I'm Bob, don't you remember? We went out for track together."



"Ah...oh yeah! Bob, how's the old long-jumper?"

"Ah...Tom, we were shotputters."

"Ah...oh yeah! Well then, how's the wife?"

"Tom, I was ordained a priest ten years ago."

"Oh. I was going to ask if you were goin' to a costume party or somethin'."

"Say, I've got to be going. We'll see ya later."

"OK, so long Pete!"

"Pete?"

"Ah...Chris?"

"'Bob' Tom, 'Bob'!"

"Bobtombob?"

Tom is well on his way to becoming a very successful hermit.

As has been proven, for one to become a hermit requires nothing more than the willingness to be alone and ~~fool-heartedness~~ <sup>foolhardiness</sup> to act upon that desire.

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